(54) Security of remote computing devices

(57) A management information system (11) provides protection for a remote computer (16-21). When a determination is made to invoke protection of the remote computer (16-21) the management information system (11) contacts the remote computer (16-21) using a communication path (10,12-15,22). The management information system (11) instructs the remote computer (16-21) through the communication path (10,12-15,22) to perform an action to protect the remote computer (16-21). The remote computer (16-21) performs the action to protect the remote computer (16-21). For example, the action is to lock the remote computer (16-21) to prevent unauthorized use. Alternatively, the action is to erase or encrypt data within the remote computer (16-21) to prevent unauthorized access to the data.
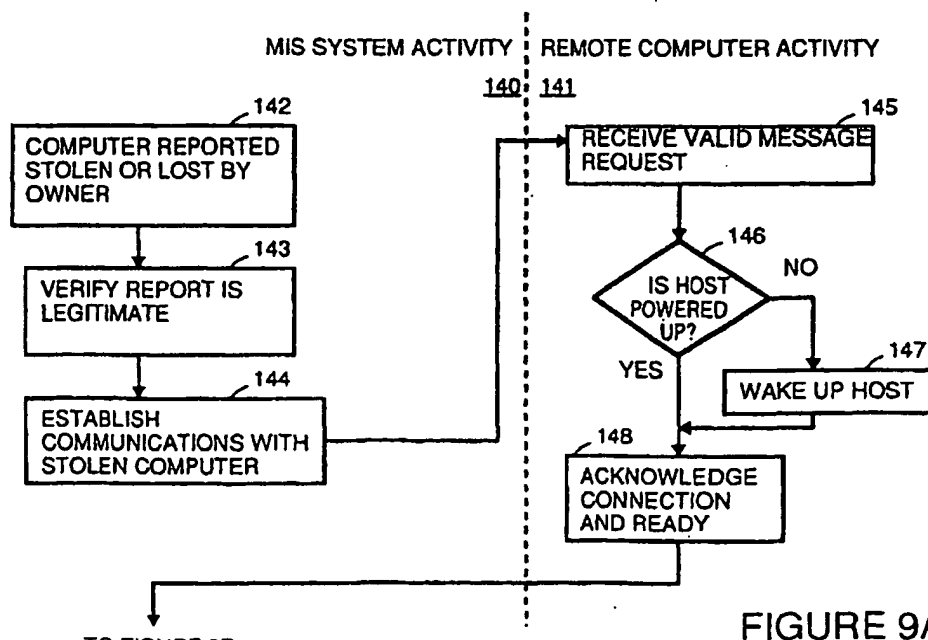
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FIGURE 9A

TO FIGURE 9B

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